Indian Airlines:

Chennai-Tirupathi-Hyderabad and Return 2 per week

Jet Airways:

Hyderabad-Tirupathi-Hyderabad Daily

Airlines are free to operate on any route/connect any place as per their commercial judgement subject of course to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes.

Expansion of runway at Tirupati and Vijayawada Airports

4104. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airports Authority of India has acquired additional land for expansion of runway for operation of big aircrafts at Tirupati and Vijayawada Airports in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the present status of work relating to expansion of runway at these airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) State Government of Andhra Pradesh has handed over approximately 69 acres of land at Vijayawada and 58 acres of land at Tirupati to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for expansion of runway for operation of bigger aircraft.

(c) The work of extension of runway from 6000' to 7500' at Tirupati has already been completed.

In Vijayawada Airport, AAI has strengthened the existing runway and has also constructed a new apron with link taxiway for operation of B-737 class of aircraft. AAI has also plans for extension of runway to 7500' subject to firm commitment for operation of flights from Airlines and release of balance Rs. 4.00 crores as a grant from the State Government and firm commitment for operation of flights from Airlines.